

Fort Vancouver Tapestry going to Clark College for a year



Panel 25 of 70, depicting history of our neck of the woods, will be on display at Clark College.

The Fort Vancouver Tapestry, 108 feet long and 28 inches high, believed to be the largest ever created in the United States, will be on display at Clark College throughout the remainder of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

The installation, in the Penguin Student Union Building, second floor, on the college campus at 1800 E McLoughlin Boulevard, will be unveiled at an 11 a.m. Friday Aug. 12, ceremony. The work, under construction for the past six years, will be on display during the hours the student union is open, until it is moved to Olympia, where it will be displayed during the 2007 state legislative session.

Following its display in the Columbia Room of the state capitol, the tapestry will be displayed in the Russell Senate Building in the U.S. Capitol and later in Vancouver's Sister City, Joyo, Japan.

The Fort Vancouver Tapestry project was co-founded in 1999 by Vancouver artists **Eleanor Van de Water** and **Sherry Mowatt**. Over the six-year project, more than 50 volunteer stitchers contributed nearly 100,000 hours of work, working 8 to 14 hours a week, putting 19 miles of yarn together for the colorful display of local history from pre European influence to the present.

Clark College president **B. Wayne Branch** declared: "We are very proud that Clark College is the first home for the completed tapestry."

Nelson gets 4 percent raise

Clark Public Utilities CEO/general manager **Wayne Nelson** today was given high marks by the utility's elected commissioners for his performance as head of the electric, water, and waste water utility, which serves a combined total of nearly 200,000 customers and granted the Vancouver native a 4 per cent salary increase.

Nelson's pay was raised to \$171,600 from \$165,000, effective July 1. In addition, his monthly car allowance was increased from \$325 to \$400. Nelson was also allowed to convert 100 hours of sick leave to vacation.

Byron Hanke, president of the board of commissioners, said the board is both very satisfied with Nelson's management of the utility and noted that Nelson has been very effective in dealing with local issues, as well as the increasingly complex utility industry.

Even with the raise, Nelson's salary is considerably lower than that paid at similar utilities in Washington and across the country. Clark Public Utilities is the 17th largest customer-owned utility in the United States. The national average salary for managers of customer-owned utilities with more than 100,000 customers in 2004 was \$220,000.

Light at the end of the bridge on Burton Road construction

A nearly two-year, \$6.5 million Burton Road/NE 28th Street road improvement project, that has snarled traffic in east Vancouver, is coming to completion, according to the Vancouver Department of Public Works.

Replacement of a Burnt Bridge Creek bridge in the 8800 block on the western end of Burton Road/Northwest 28th Street will require closure of the east-west arterial for two weeks, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 10. With replacement by a bridge twice as wide as it is long (it will be 60 feet wide), the project will be winding down, and completion should occur by the beginning of October.

During the two-week closure, eastbound traffic will be detoured to Mill Plain and Fourth Plain Boulevards on NE 86th Avenue. Westbound traffic will be detoured to Mill Plain and Fourth Plain Boulevards via NE 112th Avenue.

Maps showing maximum area considered for growth available

Maps that show the maximum areas being considered for growth under a revised Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan are available from the Community Development on the third floor of the Public Service Building, 1300 Franklin Street. In addition, the maps can be viewed by going to www.clakr.wa.gov/

longrangeplanreview/index.htm.

“The maximum study area is not a proposal for new urban growth boundaries,” according to **Betty Sue Morris**, chair of the board of county commissioners. “When finalized, the new urban growth areas will no doubt be significantly smaller than the study area.” Morris said.

People

Sgt. **Anthony Johnson**, Vancouver, is returning this evening from a year of duty in Afghanistan as an embedded trainer in the Afghanistan National Army preparing for the deployment of the Oregon National Guard’s 41st Brigade Combat Team next year. Johnson and 14 other members of the organization arrive at Portland International Airport aboard Delta flight 1199 at 7:45 p.m.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Commission meets at 4 p.m. today in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ✂ Vancouver’s own **Civil Disturbance** performs at noon Wednesday, Aug. 3, in Esther Short Park. Concert is one in a series sponsored by Qwest. Vendors provide food and non-alcoholic beverages. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Legacy employees getting acquainted with \\$285 million Salmon Creek hospital this week--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Vancouver council coming to closure on sales and business license fee tax plan--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Sales tax increase and business surcharge would pay for transportation improvements--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)

[Early childhood learning taking root in Clark County--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)

[County commissioners setting outer limits for growth study, but actual expansion expected to be less--Columbian, **Erin Middlewood**](#)

[Royal Oaks still among state's top four golf courses--Columbian, **Brian Hendrickson**](#)

[Seven marines killed in action in western Baghdad; U.S. troop death toll passes 1,800--USA TODAY, **AP**](#)

[Astronauts are cautiously confident about repair plan--New York Times, **John Schwartz**](#)

[Air France jet lands, catches fire at Toronto airport; at least some passengers escape--MSNBC](#)

Tuesday on the air**Seattle Mariners at Detroit (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX**

City Minutes (7/31)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (7/3)—5:25 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (7/29)—5:58 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (7/13)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

A Conversation with the Governor (7/21)—7 p.m. CVTV

2005 Vancouver Business Journal Top Construction Projects—8:04 p.m. CVTV

Bravo! Vancouver: The New Washingtonians—9 p.m. CVTV

State transportation Commission (7/19)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Pat Bauer straightening out streets and avenues. ✂ **Alex Meinig** accompanied by Billy goat. ✂ **Barbara Miller** speaking on behalf of keyboard-challenged **Cheri Cole**. ✂ **Mick Shutt**’s three-pointer coming up in standings. ✂ **Leann Johnson** promoting “Live! At The Garden!” ✂ **Tuesday**, sunshine returns, 84. **Wednesday**, looks like it will be hot, 96. **Thursday**, could be even hotter, 99.